

MINUTES

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

SPRING HILL CHURCH, HALE COUNTY, ALA.,

From the 5th to the 6th of October, 1894.

F. M. HOBSON,
Moderator.

J. W. CADDELL,
Clerk.



MINUTES.

On Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1894, the ministers and delegates composing the Central Liberty Baptist Association, met with the Spring Hill Baptist Church, Hale County, Ala. The brother to preach the introductory sermon being absent, and the former Moderator being absent also, Rev. F. M. Hobson was appointed temporary Moderator; and, after reading the 40th Psalm and offering prayer, he then declared the body partially organized and ready for business.

Called for the letters from the various churches, and appointed J. H. Deweese and A. J. Mayfield reading committee. The letters read and names of delegates enrolled as follows. (Absentees marked thus, †):

Haysop—W. G. Hubbard,† Daniel Kornega,† S. C. Hubbard R H. Hubbard,† S.D.Thompson,† J.B.Robertson, J.W.Hubbard,G.W.Townsend

Liberty—Rev. F. M. Hobson, J. H. Deweese, R.E.Howard,† D.Wiggins.

Mulberry—A. D. Fikes,† J. W. Caddell, W. H. E. Hallman, A. J. Mayfield, and G. M. Hobson,† alternate.

Pleasant Hill—R. F. Coley,† C. W. Johnston, L. A. Hester, L. A. Jenkins, J. W. Coley, Daniel Johnston.

Pine Flat—B. C. Latner, C. W. Arnold, S. F. Smelley, J.E.Arnold,† Alt.

Spring Hill—L. C. Averitt,† L. M. Barnett, A. J. Stewart, M. Morrison, Jr., Quincy Arnold, Jr ,† Alternate.

South Sandy—S. P. Sumner, J. W. Dockery, Jr., C. Dockery,†

Union—J. R. Wiggins, J. M. Greathouse,† S. B. Keeton, J. R. Doss.

Blocton 2nd—T. B. Dison, A. L. Campbell,†

Union Hill—Not represented.

Hopewell—J. T. Tubb, C, M. Maharry, I. D. Geddie.

On motion of J. W. Hubbard, G. W. Townsend was added to the Haysop delegation and Daniel Wiggins to the Liberty delegation, and Daniel Johnson to Pleasant Hill delegation.

Opened the door for other churches to join this Association, and the Hopewell church was received by the Moderator extending to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

The Rules of Decorum were read, and the Association adjourned for dinner, which was at the church.

EVENING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, and went into the choice of Moderator and Clerk. Rev. F. M. Hobson

was elected Moderator and J. W. Caddell Clerk. Then proceeded to appoint the following Committees :

Devotion—J. B. Keeton, J. W. Hubbard, I. D. Geddie, with the Deacons of Spring Hill Church.

Arrangement of Business—J. H. Deweese, J. R. Wiggins, M. Morrison, Jr., and A. J. Mayfield.

Finance—C. M. Maharry, G. W. Townsend, and S. C. Hubbard.

Documents—B. C. Latner, J. B. Robertson, and J. R. Doss.

The reports on Missions and on Temperance were called for, and deferred until to-morrow.

The Committee on Devotion reported that Bro. J. R. Wiggins preach at 2 o'clock ; prayer meeting, conducted by A. J. Mayfield at 9 o'clock Saturday morning ; and preaching at 11 o'clock by J. H. Payne.

A motion that after preaching we adjourn until to-morrow.

At 2 o'clock Bro. J. R. Wiggins preached, taking for his text the 3rd verse of the 37th Psalm: "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." The brother labored faithfully, preaching to an attentive congregation, and we believe that much and lasting good will result from his labor.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday morning, met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by A. J. Mayfield. Then the Moderator took his seat, called the body to order, and declared it ready for business.

The Moderator called for the report on Order of Business, and the Committee reported that the Association take up the same order of business as prevailed at last session.

1. Called the roll and marked absentees (see table).
2. Opened the door for correspondents, and received from the Harmony, Bros. R. Mathis and S. M. Lewis ; from Tuscaloosa, Rev. J. H. Payne.
3. On motion, we have a petitionary letter printed in these minutes, that any member bearing a minute of this Association may be a corresponding delegate to any other association.
4. The following Report on Missions was adopted:

The great Teacher says : "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature ; he that believeth and is baptized shall be sav-

ed: he that believeth not shall be damned." The words are plain and simple, and can be understood by all professed Christians. The spirit of missions is a spirit that is first in the hearts of all young Christians, and for the development of that spirit the Church of Christ has been established on earth. It is gratifying to the friends of Christ to know that much is being done in the various mission fields. The perishing condition of men and women at home and in foreign lands is enough to prompt us to make greater effort in the cause of missionary work. The denomination has established several boards through which these places of destitution can be reached. 1st, the State Mission Board, located at Selma, Ala., has charge of the mission work in Alabama. The object of this board is, to supply destitute places in this State, and to help weak churches sustain their pastors. The 30th annual report, made by the Secretary of this Board at the last Convention, shows that there were 76 missionaries employed for all or a part of their time. We recommend that all pastors and churches in this association give their hearty cooperation by remembering the work in their prayers and by sending liberal contributions to its corresponding secretary. 2nd, the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., has charge of the work in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its mission station extends from the D. C. to Texas, besides work in the Indian Territory and on the Island of Cuba. During last year there were employed about 290 missionaries. Their report is very encouraging? especially in Cuba much has been accomplished for Christ. Let us unite with others in sustaining this Board in its work. 3rd. The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., has charge of the foreign fields. Reports from these fields show that the work is increasing. Christ is being confessed among all nations. The condition of about 850,000,000 of souls that are in heathen darkness, call for liberal contributions on our part, and earnest prayer for the success of the work there. Brethren, what have we done for the work? Let the past answer this question, and let us during the present year do more than we have ever done, by paying our part of what is asked for by the State Board. Contributions for all these boards can be sent to W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board, Montgomery, Ala. Respectfully submitted,

T. B. Dixon, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned for preaching and dinner, and Rev. J. H. Payne preached on Missions, from the text "And ye are not your own." The brother preached a most interesting sermon, and we think that the fruits of his labor will be seen in the great day of accounts. A collection of \$2 was taken for missions, after which we partook of a delicious repast at the church.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator resumed his seat and called the body to order. The report on Temperance was read and adopted, viz :

We, as a religious body, should stamp our disapproval on the monster evil that to-day invades our country, and brings more poverty, misery, destruction, and death, than all other evils known to mankind. If for no other reason, and the most important one in the world, because the Word of God says so, and it is this, "No drunkard shall inherit eternal life," and drunkards are made of those people who think they are using whisky in a temperate way. It is like the ranks of a battle in war when one in the front rank falls, one in the rear rank steps forward to fill his place: so we see when the drunkard falls the moderate drinker is preparing to step in his place. There is no safe place for us at all, only to abstain from the use of it as a beverage absolutely and totally. There is no way for us to compromise with the soul-damning and destroying stuff only to keep it from our lips. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. TUBB, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, as follows

The cause of Sabbath Schools is daily growing in many localities. Many speeches have been made on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and yet we are sorry to say that we see so much lethargy manifested among our brethren in the cause of Sabbath Schools and the improving of the minds of our children and the youths of our land on the all important truths of the Scriptures, and to improve the moral character of our children and friends. Some of our churches report Sabbath Schools and some do not. We earnestly request that our preachers try to arouse our brethren on the all important subject of training the moral character of the youth of our land. Respectfully submitted, A. J. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

Report on Education was read and adopted, as follows :

An industrious and virtuous education of children is a better inheritance than a great estate. To what purpose is it to heap up great riches and have no concern what manner of heirs you leave them to. The foundation of knowledge and virtue is laid in our childhood, and without an early care and attention we are almost lost in our very cradles; for the principles we imbibe in our youth we usually carry to our graves. It is observed that education is generally worse in proportion to the wealth of the parents. From observation, we find many heads of families, and some of them Baptists at that, who are apt to think that to dance, speak French, and know how to behave among great persons, comprehends the whole duty of a gentleman. Such opinion is enough to destroy all the seed of knowledge, honor, wisdom, and virtue among us. To be prudent, honest, and good, are infinitely higher accomplishments than this being nice and learned in all that which the world calls great scholars and fine gentlemen. We need to be educated; we need a right educa-

tion; we need a religious education. It is said education makes the man. Nothing but a religious education will make a man in the true sense of the term. It will make a man of honor, wisdom, and virtue, capable of discharging his duty to himself and to his fellow-men, to his country and to his God; and that comprehends the whole matter. We have abundant facilities to accomplish this. We have the aid of the State, together with our denominational schools, such as the Howard College, our Theological Seminary, and other schools under Baptist control. We have the Judson Institute, the Marion Military Institute, and the Alabama Central Female College; and, above all, we have the blessed Bible. We ought to patronize our denominational schools, and especially schools where the teaching of the doctrines of the Bible is not ignored. May God impress the great responsibility that rests upon the heads of Baptist families in this matter. Respectfully submitted, JOHN W. HUBBARD, Ch.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees: On Missions—J. H. Deweese. Temperance—J. T. Tubb. Sabbath Schools—J. R. Wiggins. Education—C. M. Maharry.

The Finance Committee reported \$14.15 received from the churches; \$1.35 in the treasury; total, \$15.50.

Report on Documents read and adopted, as follows:

We find from reading the letters from the churches that some complain of coldness among the brethren, while others are strong in the work, and many have been converted and added to the churches. Some of the churches ask an interest in the prayers of the Association. We find that the sister church at East Blocton asks for a letter of dismission. None of the churches have asked for the next association, and therefore we leave it with the body for a decision. The Hopewell delegates request that the next session of this body be held with their church.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. Doss, Chairman.

Opened the door for general business, and on motion the Blocton church was granted a letter of dismission, at her own request.

The next session of this body will be held with Hopewell church, Carthage, Hale county, Ala., on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1895, on the Greensboro and Tuscaloosa road. Bro. M. Morrison, Jr., to preach the introductory sermon, J. R. Wiggins alternate.

The clerk is to superintend the printing of 300 copies of these minutes, and have the balance of the money on hand for his services.

A motion prevailed, that the clerk send the mission money collected to W. B. Crumpton.

The meeting of the 1st district will be held with Haysop church, Bibb county, Ala., on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in March, 1895; F. M. Hobson to preach the introductory sermon; Adam Fikes alternate. Subject for discussion: "Have we the same degree of Christian confidence in each other that our ancient brethren had?" Discussion opened by J. M. Great-house.

The meeting of the 2nd district will convene with the Pine Flat Church, Hale county, Ala., on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1895; J. R. Wiggins to preach the introductory sermon; M. Morrison, Jr., alternate. Subject for discussion, same as in 1st district. Discussion to be opened by A. J. Mayfield.

The Association returns its thanks to the citizens of Spring Hill church for their kindness to us during their stay with them.

The Devotional Committee reported that Bro. T. B. Dison preach at 11 o'clock on Sabbath. He preached to a large and attentive congregation, taking for his text: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way."—St. John, 14th chapter, part of 6th verse. The brother labored faithfully, and we believe made a lasting impression upon his hearers.

This is to certify that any member of this Association bearing a minute of this association may be a corresponding delegate to any other association.

The Association having gone through with all the business before it, sang a hymn and gave the parting hand. Prayer by Elder T. B. Dison.

J. W. CADDELL,
Clerk,

F. M. HOBSON,
Moderator,

Received of J. W. Caddell \$7.50 for 300 copies of these minutes.

BURTON & WEATHERFORD.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded	Died	Previous Number.	Present Number.	Money Sent.
Hayson	W. G. Hubbard	Scottsville	B. J. Murphy	Scottsville	1	2	2	2	1	1	166	173	3 00
Liberty	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	H. P. Boyd	Hagler	5	9				1	68	84	1 50
Mulberry	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	J. W. Caddell	Pondville	11			1			80	90	2 00
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Loveless	Griffin	L. D. Geddie	Carthage				5			109	105	1 35
Pine Flat	J. R. Wiggins	Data	B. H. Janner	Five Mile	4	1	1				50	46	1 30
Spring Hill	M. Morrison, Sr.	Five Mile	L. C. Averett	Five Mile	11	1	2	3		2	65	76	1 25
South Sandy	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	J. R. Montgomery	Griffin	3	1	1	1		2	93	95	1 00
Tifton	J. R. Wiggins	Data	J. M. Greathouse	Data	6	5		1	1	1	62	69	1 50
Union	T. B. Dixon	Blocton	A. L. Campbell	Blocton	2	4		11	1			25	
Blocton 2nd	Not represented.												
Union Hill	J. W. Loveless	Griffin	L. D. Geddie	Carthage	2								
Hopewell					2								
					2						23		75